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AMUNDSEN'S FATE A MYSTERY.

ATTENTION DIVERTED FROM "ITALIA."

THREE DAYS ABSENT AND NO NEWS.

CANNOT BE IN AIR.

London, June 21.
Alarm is now felt for the safety of Captain Amundsen and the famous French aviator, Commandant Gullbaud, of whom nothing has been heard since their giant seaplane left Tromsø to the aid of the "Italia" crew over 70 hours ago.

Direct contact having been established with General Nobile's party, attention is now being diverted to some extent to the fate of Captain Amundsen, whose news it is felt may be more immediate. He cannot be in the air as petrol must have run out many hours ago.

Warships Search.

The French Minister of Marine, says Reuter's Paris correspondent, has ordered the cruiser "Strasbourg" now at Cherbourg, and the gunboat "Quentin Roosevelt" now at Oslo, to proceed immediately to Spitzbergen to co-operate in the search for the missing aviators.

The Norwegian Minister of Defence, says Reuter's Oslo correspondent, has also taken action. He has ordered the Government steamer "Michael Sars," now lying between Spitzbergen and Norway to proceed eastwards in search of Captain Amundsen and Commandant Gullbaud.

Disappearance Broadest.

The disappearance of the seaplane has also been reported to the Russian ice-breaker "Malvin" which is now nearing Spitzbergen from Archangel.

It is regarded as most remarkable that the seaplane has been completely silent since her departure from Tromsø as it is equipped with wireless.

Enquiries have been made of the base-ship "Citta di Milano" by the Italian Legation, and it states that it has heard nothing of Captain Amundsen and Gullbaud, by wireless or any other means.—Reuter.

May Be in North.

Oslo, June 21.

In regard to Captain Amundsen's disappearance a Norwegian newspaper reveals that prior to his departure Captain Amundsen was very anxious as to the fate of the party carried off in the wrecked "Italia." The newspaper believes that Captain Amundsen possibly flew straight east. The explorer, Mr. Hoel, believes the airship party was carried out to sea between North East Island and Franz Josef Land.

A telegram from King's Bay to the *Aften Post* expresses the opinion that Captain Amundsen has flown to Franz Josef Land. It is noteworthy that Captain Amundsen's seaplane carries wireless.—Reuter.

More Searchers.

Oslo, June 21.

There is still no news of Captain Amundsen and Commandant Gullbaud, although wireless stations in North Norway are listening in day and night for a communication from their plane.

The Minister of Defence has supplemented his orders, by instructing the cruiser "Tordenskjold" to leave Horten immediately in search of Amundsen.

The "Tordenskjold" carries a seaplane which will be used in reconnaissance flights between Norway and Spitzbergen.

Two Norwegian airmen engaged in the attempt to rescue General Nobile have been ordered to search for Amundsen's seaplane on the west coast of Spitzbergen.—Reuter.

BRITAIN BEATEN IN DAVIS CUP.

DOUR STRUGGLE IN DOUBLES MATCH.

ADVANTAGE LOST.

London, June 21.
England's hopes were dashed to the ground at Felixstowe, when Italy won the Davis Cup semi-final by defeating S. R. O. Crole-Rees and Cyril Eames, in the doubles match, and thus gaining the victory by three matches to nil.

Crole-Rees and Eames put up a gallant fight against De Morpurgo and Caslini, but succumbed by three sets to two.

Britain v. America.

In a contest between Britain and America at Eastbourne, on Davis Cup lines, J. Hennessey (U.S.A.) defeated Nigel Sharpe (Britain) 6-3, 6-1, 5-7, 6-1.

H.W. Austin (Britain) defeated the famous George Lott, Junr. (U.S.A.) 4-6, 7-5, 7-5, 7-5.—Reuter.

CALCUTTA THEFT DISCLOSURES.

ENORMOUS LOSSES BY DOCK CONSPIRACY.

POLICE IN THIEF PAY.

Calcutta, June 22.

Startling revelations of a conspiracy to commit systematic thefts from steamers at the Calcutta Docks, were made by the Public Prosecutor in opening the case against forty-eight men, who are accused of conspiracy to rob.

The men in the dock include several prominent Indian business men.

The Public Prosecutor declared that for years past the insurance and steamship companies had suffered enormous losses as the result of thefts.

Police had now discovered a number of godowns where the goods were carried at night and stored until disposed of to an organisation of receivers.

It had been revealed that a number of Port Police and members of the staff of the Port Commissioner's office were in the pay of the gang of thieves.—Reuter.

SEEKING TO OUST YANG SEN.

POSITION IN SZECHUAN NOW PRECARIOUS.

Naval wireless messages received from Chungking state there is evident determination to eliminate General Yang Sen. The opinion is expressed, however, that Yang Sen might be successful in the event of fighting. A subordinate general has deserted as a result of propaganda against him.

The recent success of the Nationalist party in Peking is also strengthening the cause for the elimination of Yang Sen.

U.S. INDIAN MARATHON RACE.

WINNER GETS \$10 A MILE FOR LONG RACE.

New York, June 21.
After averaging 70 miles a day for seven days, Flying Cloud, a Karok Indian, won the 482 miles Indian marathon race which started from San Francisco on June 14th, and ended at Grant's Pass, Oregon, to-day.

There were 29 Indian entrants, and the first prize was \$5,000.—Reuter.

JERVIS BAY FEAR DISPELLED.

CAPTAIN DANIELS NOW IN CONTROL.

CREW JOINED STOWAWAYS AGAINST OFFICERS.

NAVAL ACTION TAKEN.

London, June 21.

The disclosures made by Reuter's correspondent at Colombo that a mutiny has taken place on board the Commonwealth liner s.s. Jervis Bay, is regarded as lending significance to the speech by "Jock" Garden, the Australian trade unionist, who was sent to prison on a charge of wilfully inciting murder.

It is considered possible that the crew either joined the stowaways in resisting the officers, or refused to guard the stowaways, who took advantage of the situation to create a serious disturbance.

Strike Threats.

The Colombo agents have received no news from the liner, and abortive attempts have been made by the owners to get into wireless communication with the Jervis Bay.

It is now revealed that the crew of the vessel, when it called at Melbourne on the present voyage, threatened to strike on arrival at Hobart unless that were repaired to Australia in a passenger steamer.

Reassuring Message.

Later.

The Commonwealth Line has received a message by wireless via Perth, from the master of the s.s. Jervis Bay stating:

"Everything going well. Stowaways now under my safe control. Expect to arrive Colombo on Monday morning."

Mr. Larkin, the chairman of the Commonwealth Line, stated that the master's message was a reply to a message repeatedly sent out to him stating that disconcerting reports were being published regarding the situation on board the vessel.

Precautionary.

The master added a note to the effect that the S.O.S. messages were sent out as a precautionary measure "when Captain Daniels was not sure how the situation would develop."

London, June 22.

The Admiralty issued a communique to-day stating that the liner "Slave" left Trincomalee last night at seven o'clock in the evening to intercept the s.s. Jervis Bay.—Reuter.

Full Confidence.

A British Wireless message states that the London office of the Commonwealth Line is without information regarding the situation which, according to wireless reports, has occurred on their liner, Jervis Bay, owing to the threatening attitude assumed by eight men stated to be stowaways.

The Admiralty has received no report on the subject from the liner Enterprise which, in response to a demand for naval aid, called for a further report from the Jervis Bay. The anxiety of friends and relatives of the 600 passengers on the vessel, has, to some extent, been allayed by the assurances of officials in London that the Jervis Bay is under the command of one of the oldest and most experienced captains in their service and that they have the fullest confidence in him to deal with any emergency.

Mutiny Aboard.

The cruiser Enterprise prior to the reassuring news of the resumption of control, received the following wireless message from the Commonwealth liner Jervis Bay en route here from Australia: "Mutiny aboard, multi-neers threatening to set the ship afire. Send immediate assistance."

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BELGRADE DEPUTY MURDERS.

POLICE REPEATEDLY CHARGE DISORDERLY MOBS.

GARBLED REPORTS.

Belgrade, June 21.

A garbled account of the Skupstina shooting sensation, published in the *Zagreb* and reporting that both M. Stephan Radich, the Peasant Party leader, and his nephew Paul Radich, were shot dead by Radich, has aroused high feeling in the populace, who received the news with consternation.

Crowds collected in the streets and rapidly became disorderly, and several clashes occurred with the police.

The police were ultimately forced to charge the unruly crowds who replied by bombarding them with stones. Only after repeated charges by the police, aided by a large force of cavalry hurriedly called out, was the disorder quelled.

Belgrade, June 21.

The King immediately on hearing of the parliament tragedy visited the victims in the hospital.

Mr. Paul Radich died a few moments before the king's arrival. The body was surrounded by lighted candles.

Stefan Raditch, his uncle, was stretched on an operating table.

He opened his eyes and murmured "Long Live the King" and raised the king's hand to his lips and whispered "Sire I do not cling to life but I must live for work as there is still much to do."—Reuter.

SUCCEEDS SPEAKER.

London, June 21.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Dennis Herbert was, on the motion of the Prime Minister, unanimously appointed to succeed Captain Fitzroy as Deputy Chairman of Committee of the House.—British Wireless.

Mr. Dennis Henry Herbert, who has been Unionist M.P. for the Watford Division of Herts since 1918, has held the post of temporary Chairman of Committee of the House of Commons. Born in 1869, he is a son of the late Rev. Henry Herbert. He was educated at The King's College, Ely, and at Wadham College, Oxford. He was admitted a solicitor in 1895 and later became a member of the firm of Beaumont and Son and Clarke, Rawlins and Co., London. He is a member of the Council of the Law Society and of the Herts County Council.

PRINCESS GRANTED A DIVORCE.

EX-CROWN PRINCE CAROL'S INTRIGUE.

Bucharest, June 21.

The High Court has granted Princess Helen's petition for a divorce from the ex-Crown Prince Carol, who renounced the Rumanian throne in order to continue his affair with Madame Lupescu.—Reuter.

SINGAPORE DOCK TOWAGE.

GIGANTIC TASK COMMENCED YESTERDAY.

London, June 21.

The first section of the Singapore floating dock, which is covered by insurance to the amount of £550,000, left Jarrow to-day in the charge of three Dutch tugs.—Reuter.

ASCOT GOLD CUP.

VICTORY FOR INVERSHIN.

London, June 21.

The result of the Gold Cup race at Ascot to-day was as follows:
Mr. Reid Walker's Invershin 1
Mrs. de Alary's King 2
Mr. Marshall's Field's Cinquante 3
The Betting was:—100 to 8 Invershin; even:—King; 25 to 1 Cinquante.—British Wireless.

FRENCH CABINET - DISSENSION.

M. POINCARÉ'S CURT CHALLENGE.

MIGHT WAIT A WEEK BEFORE CHANGING GOVERNMENT.

STABILISING FRANC.

Paris, June 21.

The Chamber met in a tense atmosphere to-day in consequence of widely-spread rumours to the effect that a Cabinet crisis is imminent.

It is stated that a serious situation has arisen from the dissatisfaction of the Rightists, who furnish the bulk of the Government's National Union majority, with the appointments of Chairmen of Commissions.

The Rightists complain that preference has been given to Leftists in the making of these appointments.

A Challenge.

M. Poincaré, looking alert and cheerful, decided to address the House immediately, and he went straight to the point by asking that if they wanted a change of Government they might at least wait until next week after financial stabilisation has been adopted.

In all, M. Poincaré spoke for nearly three hours and a half. He declared that he had come to the conclusion that re-valorisation would entail the grave disorganisation of French trade and industry, while 20 per cent. re-valorisation would mean the loss of 10,000,000 francs on foreign exchange bought by the Bank of France.

Cost of Living.

M. Poincaré refuted the idea that stabilisation would necessarily involve a rise in the cost of living. The Premier also dealt at some length with the question of inter-Ally debts and declared that there was no question of ratifying the agreement between M. Caillaux and Mr. Winston Churchill, and the agreement between M. Berenger and Mr. Walter Mellon without reservation.

This remark was received with loud general cheers, after which M. Poincaré sat down.

Return to Silver Coins.

It is understood in financial circles that although there is no question of resuming the issue of gold coinage after the projected stabilisation of the franc is brought about, the Bank of France is said to be contemplating the issue shortly of silver coinage to replace the existing five, ten and twenty-franc notes.—Reuter.

CRITICAL SITUATION IN GREECE.

PUBLIC UTILITY WORKERS ALL ON STRIKE.

Athens, June 21.
While it is anticipated that an agreement will shortly be reached between the tobacco worker and the employers, the labour situation is getting gradually worse.

Largely attended meetings of railway employees, electricity and gas workers decided yesterday to strike without previous warning.—Reuter.

FURTHER YANGTZE FIRING.

AP.C. STEAMER LATEST VICTIM.

Firing on British steamer on the Yangtze continues, the latest incident occurred yesterday when the A.P.C. vessel Tiekwang was fired at from the banks of the upper river near Anping. The fire was returned by those on board with what result is not known. British steamers have been frequently fired on during the past few weeks, nearly every case occurring in the locality of Anping.

SPEAKER ENTERS ON DUTIES.

PICTURESQUE CEREMONY IN UPPER CHAMBER.

KING'S APPROVAL.

London, June 21.

Captain Fitzroy, the new Speaker of the House of Commons, entered upon his duties this afternoon, after a picturesque ceremony at which representatives of the House of Commons learned that His Majesty had entire confidence in the ability, diligence and efficiency of their nominee to fulfil the new duties.

To hear this announcement, the members of the House of Commons were summoned to the House of Lords in time-honoured fashion. The official known as Black Rod, having knocked thrice on the door of the Chamber, was admitted, and after standing temporarily at the bar and bowing, he advanced to the table.

At his summons, the Speaker-Elect, accompanied by the Sergeant-at-Arms and members of the House of Commons, proceeded to the Upper House, where the Commission having been read, the King's approbation was signified by the Lord Chancellor, one of the Lords Commissioners.

On returning, the Speaker reported the result to the House of Commons, and, in a brief speech, renewed his assurance of his entire devotion to the service of the House.—British Wireless.

THE AMERICAN OPEN GOLF TITLE.

ARCHIE COMPSTON MADE FAVOURITE.

MODERATE FIRST CARD

New York, June 21.

Over 140 of the world's foremost golfers are competing in the American Open Golf Championship which opened to-day over the Matteson course, Illinois.

The leading challenger from abroad is generally accepted to be Archie Compston, the Britisher, who administered such a severe defeat on Hagen a month or so ago.

That he is in brilliant form is indicated by the fact that he broke the record for the No. 4 course yesterday in a practice round, going round in 69.

Americans have already made him a strong favourite for the title.

The leading scores in the first round so far recorded are Leo Diegel (72) and Bobby Jones (73).

Later.

In the first round of the American Open Archie Compston returned a card of 76. The holder Tommy Armour also returned a 76.—Reuter's American Service.

GERMAN POLITICAL FAILURE.

HERR MUELLER CANNOT FORM GOVERNMENT.

Berlin, June 21.

German politics are complicated by the failure of Herr Herman Mueller, the Socialist ex-Chancellor, to form a Cabinet. Herr Mueller to-day announced that he has decided to abandon the effort to form a Government based on a "Big Coalition."

The failure is largely due to the demands of the People's Party that the Prussian Cabinet should also be re-framed so as to include a representative of the People's Party in the Cabinet.—Reuter.

MOSCOW RAILWAY DISASTER.

FOUR KILLED IN EXPRESS DERAILMENT.

Moscow, June 21.

Four passengers were killed and fourteen seriously injured when an express from Sebastopol, while travelling at high speed between Moscow and Tula, was derailed. No details are available to indicate the cause of the disaster.—Reuter.

DEATH OF CHANG TSO-LIN.

OFFICIAL NEWS OF HIS DEMISE.

PASSED AWAY AT MUKDEN YESTERDAY.

FUNERAL TO-MORROW.

After many conflicting reports, definite news of the death of Marshal Chang Tso-lin comes to hand to-day in a Reuter's message from Mukden stating that the foreign Consuls General have been officially informed that Marshal Chang died yesterday afternoon.

The message adds that Chinese flags on all official buildings are flying at half-mast, and the funeral will take place to-morrow (Saturday).

The Bomb Outrage.

It will be recalled that on June 4th, when Chang Tso-lin was bound for Mukden, after giving up office in Peking, his train was bombed when passing through a cross-station from the Peking-Mukden to the South Manchuria Railway.

The train with practically all the leading Fengtien officials on board was passing the railway to the North of Mukden when the explosion occurred.

It wrecked both the train and the overhead bridge, and serious casualties were caused. Marshal Chang himself was wounded, and General Wu Chun-sheng, the aged Governor of Hallungkiang, received such a shock that he succumbed. Other prominent members of the party also lost their lives.

Noteworthy Career.

The late Marshal Chang Tso-lin was born in the '70s in Manchuria and fought in the Russo-Japanese War on the side of the latter as commander of a Manchurian Volunteer Corps. After the war, he entered the Chinese military service and in 1911 was appointed Governor of Fengtien, Manchuria. He was regarded as an adherent of Yuan Shih-kai until the latter's attempt in 1916 to restore the monarchy, and after Yuan's death Chang supported Marshal Tuan Chi-jui in putting down a monarchist rising. He was then appointed Governor General of the three Manchuria provinces and in 1920 took part in the suppression of the Anfu Club by Tiao Kun and Wu Pei-fu.

Meanwhile, Chang's power had been steadily increasing so that in the spring of 1922 he attempted to seize Peking, but was defeated by Wu Pei-fu and had to retire to Manchuria, where he made preparations for another effort. He proclaimed Manchuria's independence of China and, assisted by the defection of Marshal Feng Yuxiang from Wu Pei-fu, he defeated the latter in the autumn of 1924, made a triumphal entry into Peking and placed the old Marshal Tuan Chi-jui at the head of the Government.

Treachery Recalled.

When in the autumn of 1925 Wu, who had again become a power in the land, joined forces with Feng, Chang after a defeat again retreated into Manchuria. There thanks to the treachery of his subordinate, Gen. Kuo Sing-ling, he sustained another severe reverse at Liaochau early in Dec. 1925. His day seemed to be gone, but by a remarkable turn of fortune he was able before the end of December not only to defeat Kuo, but to capture and execute him. Early in January, 1926, Feng left China for Moscow—a fact that greatly strengthened the position of Chang.

Becomes Generalissimo.

In September, 1926, the late Marshal Chang met Wu Pei-fu in conference at Peking, where they concluded a pact as joint masters of North China. In November of the same year, Chang became Commander-in-Chief of the Anhui Army, and in June of last year he assumed office as Generalissimo of the Republic, a position which he held until a few weeks ago, when, owing to the

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CHAMBER MEETING.

PUBLIC CAR DRIVERS AIR THEIR GRIEVANCE.

Presided over by Mr. Li Yau-tsun, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce held its usual monthly meeting yesterday, when there were present a large number of members, including representatives of practically all lines of trade and business handled in the Colony.

Mr. Li Yuk-mui supported the chairman and some of the others present were Mr. Ip Lan-chuen (Secretary), Mr. Tang Shiu-kin (chairman of the Tung Wah Hospital), Mr. Chau Yue-teng (shipowner), Mr. Ho Wing (compradore, Hongkong Bank), Mr. Ho Lu (compradore, Mercantile Bank), Mr. Ma Ying-pui, Director of Messrs. Sincere and Co., Mr. To Chak-man (Messrs. Wing On Co.) and representatives from the fish, rice, and salt trades, insurance firms, restaurants and pawnbrokers.

Fish Ponds.

The Chamber's assistance was sought by the members of the fish trade in the matter of getting the authorities to restore to them two fish ponds in the Central Market, which had been closed down by the Sanitary Department. It was explained that the market had four ponds for years and that the closing down of two of these caused a good deal of difficulty.

Salt Coolies' Wages.

The salt dealers are experiencing some difficulty in the matter of coming to an understanding with the coolies employed in their trade and have written to the Chamber with a view to getting the latter to assist in getting the coolies' guild to agree to a reduction in wages. The dealers explain that although the strike is now a thing of the past the coolies are paid wages which were paid during the troubles in 1925. The Chamber decided to advise the coolies' guild to be reasonable in the matter.

Protest Against Taxis.

Public car drivers have appealed to the Chamber to exercise their influence in the matter of obtaining suitable parking sites for public cars. This body has pointed out that the mere presence of a few taxis has moved the authorities sufficiently to reserve for the taxis the most desirable parking places in Pedder Street and other points.

The public car drivers argue that they should have as much consideration from the authorities as the Taxi Company, seeing that they supplied a much needed wanted, during the past year. Most of the cars are purchased on the instalment plan and the preference shown by the authorities to taxis is making the task of meeting the instalments rather difficult.

The meeting decided that the authorities be approached and some understanding as to an equal right in the public car ranks, should be arranged.

TAIKOO DOCKYARD DEATHS.

INQUIRY CONCLUDED.

The death of a fitter through an explosion of gas in the oil tanker Wabasha and the asphyxiation, two days later, of another workman while the ship was lying in the Taitoo Dockyard, formed the subject of a Coroner's Enquiry which was resumed before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon.

In returning a verdict of Death by Misadventure, the jury added two recommendations; firstly, that the Government should make compulsory the issue of a gas-free certificate by the Government Analyst before work was undertaken, and secondly, that the Dockyard should be required by Government Regulations to supply their employees with an electric or safety lamp when engaging in similar hazardous work.

WANCHAI MURDER.

MUTILATED BODY FOUND ON RECLAMATION.

Much excitement was caused yesterday morning on the Reclamation area in Wanchai, when a number of labourers made the startling discovery of the mutilated body of a Chinese male, aged about 35, of middle-height, dressed in white cotton jacket, black cotton trousers, with no shoes or socks, buried in a trench on the Reclamation Ground, opposite Bowrington Road.

The body was taken to the Victoria Mortuary where it was revealed that there were a number of severe wounds on the head of the deceased, who apparently had been murdered by one or more persons, with a chopper. When the labourers, working on the Reclamation area on the previous afternoon left the place, the trench where the corpse was found was open. In the morning it was found to be covered with mud with the dead body inside. The police, therefore, hold the view that the outrage was perpetrated during the night of the 20th instant.

The body was so mutilated that it is almost beyond identification. The skull was almost cleft in two. There were also other hideous wounds, including a gaping stab wound on the chest and another in the back. One ear and one eye of the murdered man were missing. It is the labourers who first made the startling discovery and reported the matter to their foreman, who later telephoned to the police.

TO HELP TSINAN.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS APPROACHED.

The principal topic of discussion at the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce yesterday, when the monthly meeting was held, was the question of sending relief to the victims of the Tsinan incident. Letters have been received by the Chamber from Tsingtau and Shanghai appealing to them to get the Chinese in Hongkong to contribute something towards a general relief fund. One of the letters pointed out that a delegation will soon arrive in Hongkong for the purposes of soliciting subscriptions.

The meeting decided that the Chamber could do no better than follow the lead of the Tung Wah Hospital, recognised as the leading charitable institution in the Colony.

The Chairman of the Tung Wah Hospital who was present at the meeting said that the Hospital had not received letters from the organisations who had addressed the Chamber, but stated that he had been approached by the Shangtung Merchants' Guild and that as soon as they knew definitely the extent of the devastation in Tsinan they would raise the necessary subscriptions. Meantime, if any person wished to donate, the Hospital was quite willing to take charge of the money.

MEXICAN DISASTER.

OVER THIRTY BODIES RECOVERED.

Five buildings were destroyed and thirty-one bodies have been recovered in the bath house explosion, which was due to a drunken fireman who left his post to get lunch. He found on his return that the boiler was too hot and ran in cold water instead of opening the safety valves.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Kansas City, June 21.

Tornadoes and floods have occurred in Oklahoma and parts of Kansas and Missouri, killing twelve people and doing damage estimated at \$1,000,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

WHAT MAKES BABY CRY.

Babies need a certain amount of crying to develop their lungs. Experienced mothers know this, and also can tell when its cry means that baby is hungry, thirsty, uncomfortable, or simply in a temper.

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CARS COLLIDE.

MR. AND MRS. RALSTON IN ACCIDENT.

An accident which was fortunately not attended by any serious injuries to persons, occurred on the incline leading from the Monument at Happy Valley, at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, when an Austin seven driven by Mr. J. Ralston, the local school teacher, collided with a public car.

It appears that Mr. Ralston who was returning to town with Mrs. Ralston was ascending the incline leading to the junction of Morrison Gap Road and Stubbs Road, when a public car coming in the opposite direction came in collision with him. The cause of the accident is not known but the smaller car was badly damaged while Mr. Ralston sustained superficial injuries.

He went to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment but was not detained.



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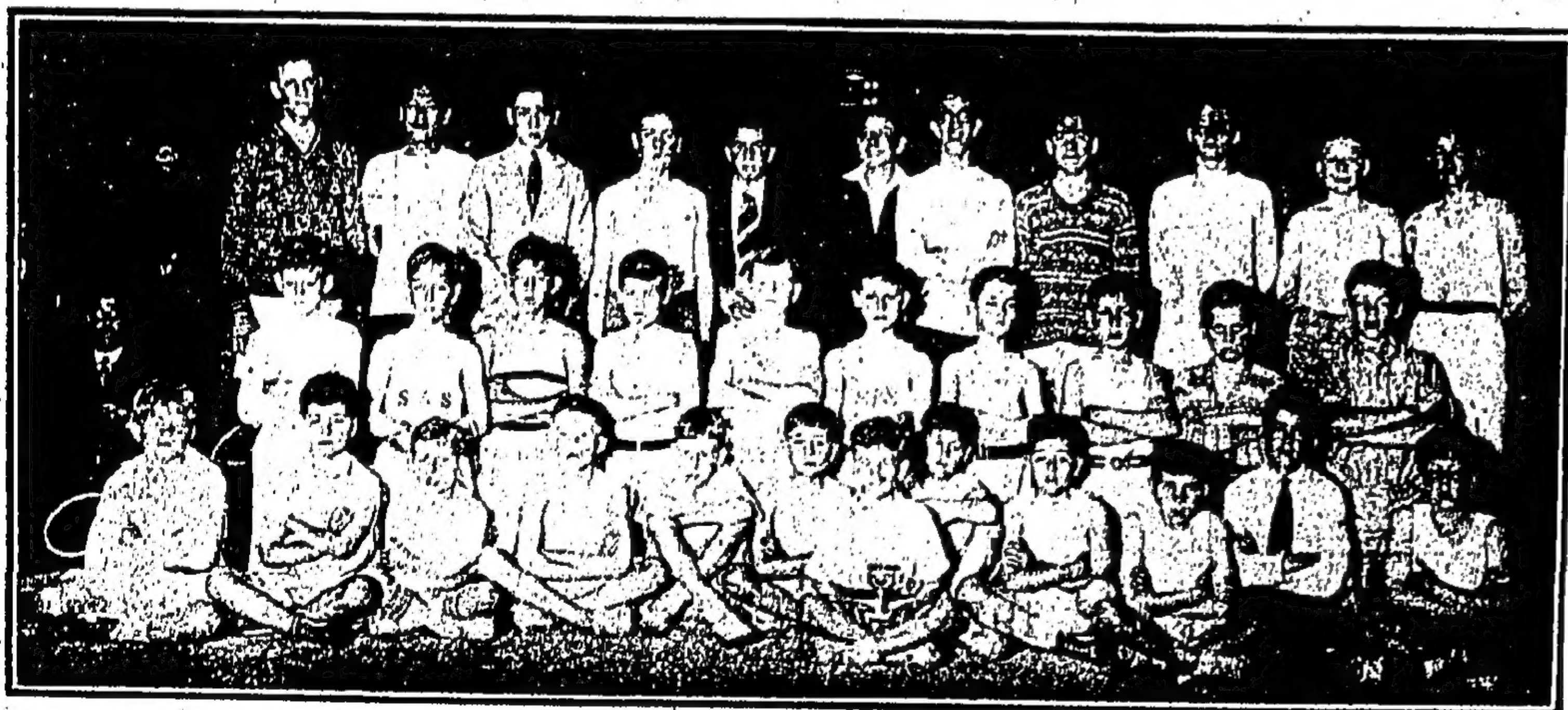
Our picture shows a view of the smithy at Streamacre, Holybourne, on the London-Southampton road between Farnham and Winchester. This 200-year-old business, where, in addition to the ordinary smiths' work, stage wagons used to be built, is still active. The Chestnut tree is seen in full bloom. (Times copyright).



Women of Alsace and Lorraine marching in the procession from the Place Saint-Augustin to the statue of Saint Joan during the celebrations of the saint's day in Paris, France. (Times copyright).



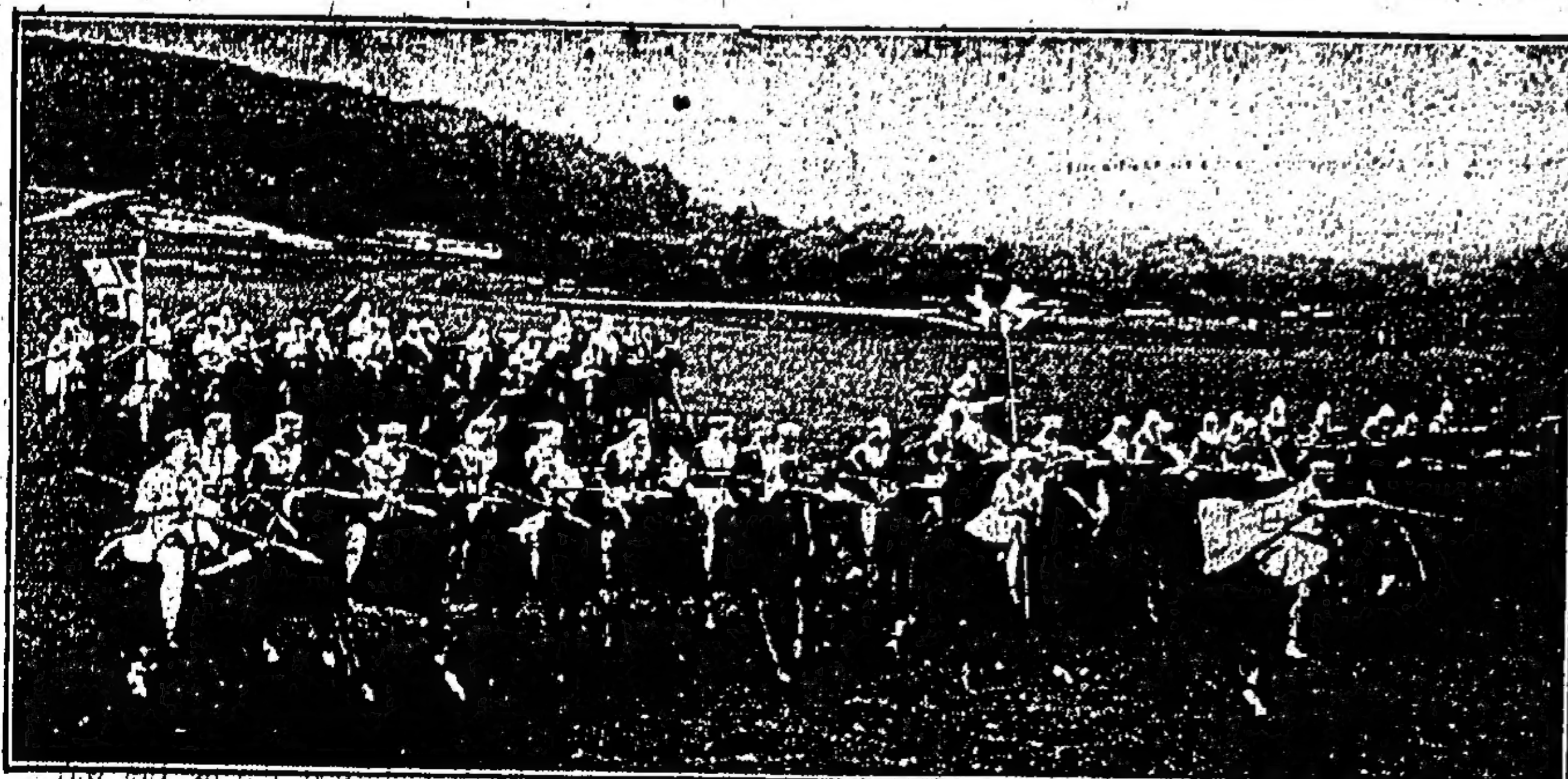
Our picture shows the King leaving Westminster Abbey, after the installation of the new Knights of the Bath. A large picture of the impressive ceremony was published yesterday. (Times copyright).



Promising young boxers from the Shanghai Public School and from the Shanghai American School who met recently in the Marden Cup. The result was a victory for the former, who scored 23 points to 19.



Irene Cosyris is supposed to be the oldest woman in the world. She is 112 and lives in the little Greek village of Magalopolis.



A charge by mail-clad knights led by Coeur-de-Lion, an episode of the Crusaders which is being given at the Aldershot Command Tattoo on the Rushmore Arena from June 19 to June 23. (Times copyright).



Mr. Thomas Eadie, U. S. diver, receiving the Congressional Medal of Honour from President Coolidge at the White House for the heroic rescue of a fellow diver during the S-4 rescue work.

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THE LABOUR "SPLIT."

It is to be doubted whether the reported "split" in the Labour political ranks at Home is likely to have any serious consequences for the official Labour Party. Mr. Maxton and Mr. Cook, the originators of the plea for adherence to a policy of unceasing war on capitalism, have in latter years figured prominently amongst the intransigent element in the Party. They represent the extremist wing, which has little in common with leaders of the type of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. Snowden, or Mr. J. H. Thomas, whose conceptions of the role which the Party should play in the political life of the nation have been tempered as the years have brought them fresh responsibilities. The Cook's and the Maxton's are out-and-out Socialists; they represent but a small fraction of the Labourites, the great majority of whom are quite content to build up on the existing social system such reforms as they consider are necessary.

It should be understood that the I.L.P., to which both Mr. Maxton and Mr. Cook belong, is quite distinct from the official Labour Party. Founded at a conference held at Bradford in 1893, under the presidency of the late Mr. Keir Hardie, it is essentially a Socialist organisation. Very few of the present Labour M.P.'s are returned under its auspices, and although Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Mr. Snowden have figured as its chairman, both have now severed their connexion with it. Tracing back the history of the British Labour movement, we find that the original body was the Labour Representation League, which came into existence in 1869. At the General Election of 1874, this League put forward fourteen candidates, of whom two were elected. Other organisations, including the I.L.P., came into being subsequently, and in 1900 a Labour-Socialist alliance was cemented at a London conference attended by representatives of some half a million Trade Unionists and Socialists. From this conference there emerged the Labour Representation Committee, which can be described as the direct ancestor of the present La-

bour Party. In its early days, this latter organisation was still strongly under the influence of the Socialists, but as the years have passed it has become anything but a Revolutionary Party. It has, indeed, for all practical purposes, come to fill the place of the Liberal Party in the politics of the nation, and, at the moment, it occupies the traditional seats of the Liberals, when the Conservatives are in power, by providing the main Opposition. The country has already had one experience of a Labour Government, and it has been none the worse for it. Certainly, the policy it followed when in office was not Socialistic in the true sense of that term.

The fact of the matter is that the present leaders of the Labour Party are men of balance. They are not the ardent Socialists they were in their younger days. Age and responsibility have had due effect on their outlook. Moreover, as politicians they are sufficiently level-headed to see that the country has no time for the extremist element. The General Strike brought that lesson well home. They are therefore wise in their day and generation by keeping aloof from the left wing of the Party—the noisy agitators whose conceptions of political policy are based on destructive ideas. So far from the latest outburst of Mr. Maxton and Mr. Cook doing the Labour Party any harm, it should have the reverse effect. For a Party which is denounced by men of this type can lay claim to support from the great bulk of the electorate.

Local Broadcasts.

The community at large is no more than casually interested in wireless, those for whom the subject has any distinct appeal being limited to a few "die-hard" experimenters. It is a sad confession the Colony has to make in the year 1923, years after broadcasting has become an essential feature in the life of millions of people in other parts of the world, and the indifference is not entirely attributable to the public themselves, nor yet to the difficulties peculiar to Hongkong. Many would-be enthusiasts have been appalled by the constant interference in reception by the Morse from the naval vessels in Harbour and from the Stonecutters installation, while, when these are at peace, Manila and Shanghai broadcasts have been subject to remarkable "fade-outs" offering little encouragement to perseverance. Attempts have been made to broadcast locally, but the Government exercised too rigid control for smooth working and the Radio Society is, to all intents and purposes, defunct. We welcome, therefore, Mr. L.H. King's announcement that the Government has definitely decided upon a provisional scheme for the transmission of broadcast programmes through a Government station. The proposals are for the time confined to test transmissions of gramophone records, but Mr. King holds out great hopes for the future, including the provision of an up-to-date studio, and the relaying of London programmes. We suggest that in the meantime a big effort be made to give the public a greater understanding of and confidence in wireless broadcasting as applying to Hongkong. If radio is to become popular in Hongkong, after the rebuffs of the past, the small man, that is to say, the man with a one or two valve receiver, must be reassured, and others emboldened in the belief that satisfactory results can be achieved at a small initial outlay. Multiple instruments are not required, and, furthermore, those who can afford them, and are at all interested in wireless, no doubt possess them already. A great deal can be done in this Colony if the problem is tackled resolutely, though we trust too great faith will not be placed in the promise of relays from England. Mr. King is probably well aware that the best time for reception is during the period when it is dark in England, dark in Hongkong, and therefore, dark all the way. This means it would be necessary to get up at about four o'clock in the morning to receive. Enthusiasm would be subjected to a great strain, we are very much afraid. Reliance must be placed in local offerings, and we do not think there is any cause for scepticism. Programmes worth picking up can easily be arranged, if the Government operators display a little ambition.

DAY BY DAY.

HE IS A FOOL WHO CANNOT BE ANGRY; BUT HE IS A WISE MAN WHO WILL NOT.—Seneca.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

The B.I. s.s. Tlawa is due here from Amoy on the 25th instant.

The mail from Home dated, London, May 24th, by the s.s. Rawalpindi via Suez, consisted of 470 bags.

To-day is the 17th anniversary of the coronation of His Majesty King George V. In honour of the occasion, men-of-war in port dressed ship to-day.

The s.s. Antung, arriving from Singapore and Amoy, reports that one Chinese dock passenger died from beri-beri on June 16 en route, four days after leaving Singapore.

Amongst the passengers who arrived here from the North by the P. and O. liner Ranpara were Pay Comdr. and Mrs. Burtenshaw, Lieut. Comdr. H. Barclay, and Mr. and Mrs. Nash.

A three-year-old boy, the son of Mr. H. F. Harcourt, was yesterday bitten in the cheek by a brown chow dog belonging to a Mr. Wong living at 98, Kennedy Road. The animal was sent to Kennedy Town for observation.

A Chinese, who was arrested in Mongkok carrying four chickens with their wings and legs tied together, was charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, with causing unnecessary suffering to the fowls. Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$7.

Reports by vessels arriving from the West River are to the effect that the sunken Kechow has been partially raised and the work of getting out the cargo has been commenced. Further attempts to refloat the vessel will be made when she is lightened and some of the accumulated silt is cleared from the holds.

A report was made to the police yesterday by Miss I. Ault, a sister at the Government Civil Hospital, to the effect that at 12.30 p.m., whilst she was walking in Queen's Road Central, near St. Francis Hotel, a Chinese snatched from her a handbag, containing sundry articles and money, to the total value of \$24.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 21 arrivals and 14 departures, leaving 69 vessels in harbour, of which 25 were British. Tonnage was heavy, but inward freights were generally poor, with the top figures of rice in Norwegian and Chinese vessels. Through freights were much heavier with the best of the day in a British ship. Two British and one Chinese from Canton entered in ballast.

A fine of \$15 was imposed by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, on a Chinese who was charged with cruelty to chickens. The police told his Worship that they arrested the defendant in Connaught Road West with thirty-eight chickens in one basket. Eight of the chickens were dead. The chickens were sent to Hongkong from Kwang Chow Wan, and the voyage by junk lasted two days.

A party of fifteen guests gathered at the St. Francis Hotel last evening to bid farewell to Mr. H. Griffiths, of the Naval Yard, who leaves for Home to-morrow by the s.s. Ranpara. After an excellent dinner, especially arranged by Mr. Hanning, the manager of the Hotel, a programme of vocal and musical entertainment was rendered, with intervals for the toasting of Mr. Griffiths and expressions of goodwill on the part of his colleagues.

The Victoria and Albert Museum has accepted from Mr. H. Blairman, of St. James's, S.W., a Chinese jardiniere, a beautiful tree in silver. The base is studded with semi-precious stones. In the branches of the tree, which is partly fashioned of rose quartz and coral, are two birds, and at the foot of the tree is a dog in silver. The piece, of the Kien-Lung period, is believed to have come from the Summer Palace at Peking, 1736-1795.

In order to assist local merchants desirous of partaking in forthcoming exhibitions to be held in various parts in Java, the Java-China-Japan Line's agents in Hongkong have written to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to say that any goods shipped to the exhibitions which might have to be reshipped to Hongkong afterwards will be conveyed free of charge. Freight will be charged only on goods which find buyers in Java. Steps are also being taken to get the Customs authority to refund tax on goods eventually

THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

RACES AT NORTH POINT THIS AFTERNOON.

To-day is the Dragon Boat Festival, which, falling on the 5th Day of the 5th Moon in the Chinese calendar, coincides with the Summer Solstice. It is one of the three principal festivals of the Chinese year, and, as is customary on this date, homage will be paid to seasonal gods, to be followed by feasting.

The Dragon Boat races, which, year in and year out, have formed a customary part of the day's celebrations, will be this year confined to two solitary boats. These craft are some 65 feet long, and each hold 50 oarsmen, in addition to the drummer and the man who times the stroke with a gong. A number of races which have been arranged for these two boats will be held this afternoon opposite the Ming Yuen Gardens, at North Point, the management of which have made elaborate arrangements for the occasion.

Yesterday, at noon, over a thousand spectators gathered at various points of vantage along the Praya East to watch four other Dragon boats participating in a number of races organised by the Junk Guild.

THE WEEK'S PICTURES.

MANY OF INTEREST APPEAR TO-MORROW.

Many pictures of topical interest will appear in to-morrow's issue of the Telegraph.

Of sporting events, there will be three photographs of play at the opening match of the Hongkong baseball season last Saturday, including one of H.E. the Officer Administering the Government pitching the first ball; as well as a group of the South China team.

A more than usually interesting old-time picture will be a group of the Kowloon Football Club team of 1895-96 season which won the Hongkong Football Challenge Cup, this being a year after the Club was formed.

Two photographs will show Dragon Boats in practice races off Yaumati earlier in the week; whilst other pictures will be of Miss Violet Ma, a clever young Canton girl of thirteen years who has raised big sums for charity by her dancing and singing; as well as a group of Queen's College Commercial 1 Class and masters.

There will also be a group taken at the wedding at Golders Green recently of Mr. M. P. Concannon and Miss Dorothy M. Lyon, of Hongkong.

JUNK COLLISION.

THREE-YEAR-OLD BOY DROWNED.

A collision in the harbour, near the Yaumati typhoon shelter, yesterday resulted in the death of a Chinese boy, three years of age, the son of a junk owner.

According to an account of the incident supplied to the police by the police by the junk owner, at about 11.30 a.m. yesterday his junk was proceeding from the typhoon shelter with a cargo of machinery to the s.s. Hydrangea at the Chiu On wharf.

Whilst the junk was abreast of the northern entrance to the shelter, a steam launch, the Tak Shing, towing a rice junk, crossed its bow. The stern of the rice junk got entangled with the rigging of the junk sailing towards the Hydrangea, with the result that the latter was capsized.

All were rescued except the master's son, whose body was picked up soon afterwards by the police launch. Artificial respiration was resorted to, but without success. The body was eventually taken to the mortuary.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, June 21.

Paris	124.20
Genoa	25.81
Berlin	20.42
Oslo	18.22
Helsingfors	104
Athens	374½
Buenos Aires	47½
Hongkong	2/0½
New York	4.87 81/32
Amsterdam	12.09 1/2
Stockholm	19.18
Vienna	34.67½
Madrid	20.005
Bucharest	705
Bombay	1/5½
Brussels	34.93
Milan	92.85
Copenhagen	18.20
Prague	104½
Lisbon	2.7/82
Rio	5½
Shanghai	2/8
Silver (spot and forward)	27½

—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

The Long Arm of Coincidence.—"When my father was a young man," writes a Kingsbridge, Devon, resident, "he was deputed to go to the bank to obtain one hundred sovereigns for Christmas-boxes."

"Upon returning to his office, and when checking the amount, he found that one of the coins bore two heads. The chief cashier remarked that there should be another coin with two markings of the reverse side somewhere. Strange to say, when my father the following year obtained a similar sum from the bank he discovered that one of the sovereigns was as suggested by the cashier. Both coins were mounted, and upon my father's death they came into the possession of my two brothers."

Man, accused of drunkenness at Marylebone: People keep chipping me about my mother-in-law, and it gets into my head.

Woman, at Derby: I cut her clothes-line in self-defence. Surrey magistrate: When can you pay the fine? Man: Well, sir, my wife is chancellor of the taxchequer at home.

Tottenham magistrate, to three men: You look respectable men. The man, in chorus: We are omnibus drivers.

Lincolnshire labourer, accused of begging: I dreamed I was going to be hanged for this, and I saw the rope.

Willesden wife: If my husband's dinner does not suit him he throws it on the fire—chops, chips, plate, and all.

Wife, at Kingston: My husband is a barman, and he says that he will not do any dirty work.

More schoolboy howlers:—Wat Tyler led the peasants' revolt, and was himself a peasant.

John Wycliffe was of a religious sex.

At Bannockburn the Scots placed honeycombs in the ground, which threw the English into confusion. Doomsday Book is another name for "Paradise Lost."

Philip Hammond, a vigorous old man of 82, who appeared in the dock in his shirt sleeves, was before Mr. Fry, at Bow-street, recently on a charge of causing an obstruction in the Strand.

According to the evidence of a constable the defendant was on the footway surrounded by a large crowd. He was carrying a red rag and two placards, bearing the words, "22 Calling. S.O.S. Help please. King George owes me £2,000. The Red Flag. One Penny. Starving under the Union Jack." When told to go away, Hammond declared that he had the King's permission to be there.

Hammond denied that he caused any obstruction. "I know better than that," he said. "I wasn't born yesterday." (Laughter.) The Magistrate: I don't see how you could walk about like that without causing an obstruction. The court missionary explained that Hammond was apparently under the impression that the King had some money which he lost a long time ago in a share transaction. Hammond was discharged with a warning from the magistrate.

Good wife, though as you rightly say.

Your wishes I ignore And struggle every passing day.

To vex you more and more, 'Tis for your good I'm showing such.

A fondness for the caveman touch.

I doubt not, when each week you grow More radiantly fair, And passers-by on you bestow The tribute of a stare, You'll bless the way that I supply Grounds for the beautifying cry.

They were about to film the most thrilling part of the drama. The hero, a dashing, fair-haired Apollo, was suspended over a high cliff by a rope.

Suddenly the camera man seemed doubtful. "Look here," he said; "suppose the rope happens to break?"

The producer, a man ever on the look-out for new stunts, dropped his megaphone.

"My word!" he exclaimed, "you've said it at last! That's a great idea!"

The late Mr. John Kennedy, of The Lodge, Birnam, Perth, sometime manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at Manila, Philippine Islands, left £35,416 (personal estate in Great Britain).

A MOST POPULAR REGISTRAR.**TWO PRESENTATIONS TO MR. H. A. NISBET.****RETIREMENT GIFTS.**

On the occasion of his retirement from the position of Registrar of the Supreme Court, which he has held for nearly 17 years, Mr. Hugh A. Nisbet, who, together with Mrs. Nisbet, is sailing for England to-morrow on the s.s. Ran-pura, was the recipient of two presentations at the Supreme Court this morning. Sir Henry Pollock presented Mr. Nisbet with a silver salver and a cheque on behalf of both branches of the legal profession, and Mr. J. Wiltshire, the first barrister, asked him to accept a silver ink-stand on behalf of the Supreme Court staff.

The first presentation took place in the big Court when there was a large gathering of barristers, solicitors and friends.

Chief Justice's Absence.

In asking Mr. Nisbet to accept the silver salver and cheque, Sir Henry Pollock, acting Attorney General, said: "I am sure that we all very much regret that, owing to indisposition, his Honour the Chief Justice is unable to be present here to-day and to preside at this gathering. I am sure that we all very much hope that his Honour will be shortly restored to health and be able to resume his judicial duties once more."

"In these circumstances the present privilege has fallen on me, as the Acting Attorney General, to make a speech on behalf of the members of both branches of the legal profession. This is part two of the presentations made to the Nisbet family because, as you are no doubt aware, only a few days ago her many friends in the Colony made a presentation to Mrs. Nisbet."

Most Popular Registrar.

"Mr. Nisbet, our friend, has been Registrar of this Colony for nearly 17 years, since August, 1911, when he arrived here to take up the post of Registrar, and I can confidently assert that he has won not only the esteem but even the affection of both branches of the legal profession by his unflinching tact and courtesy at all times. (Applause). In my long experience in this Court I have known many Registrars and I can safely say that of all the Registrars I have known Mr. Nisbet has been the most popular. (Applause)."

"I will not detain you longer now but I will conclude by asking Mr. Nisbet to accept this silver salver, together with a substantial cheque, as a mark of the great esteem in which he is held by members of both branches of the legal profession in this Colony. (Applause)—accompanied by the heartfelt wish that Mr. and Mrs. Nisbet may enjoy many years of happiness in the home country. (Applause)."

Mr. Nisbet's Reply.

Replying, Mr. Nisbet thanked them for the kind words that had been spoken and expressed the opinion that they were quite undeserved. He also thanked them for the gift, saying that he had had happy associations with the professions and wished them all good luck. (Applause).

Sir Henry Pollock explained that the salver was being jointly presented not only by the practising members of both branches of the legal profession but also by the officials of the Colony who hold legal appointments.

Mr. Nisbet said he wished to extend his thanks to those gentlemen also.

Shortly afterwards, the members of the Supreme Court staff gathered in Mr. Nisbet's office when Mr. J. Wiltshire presented Mr. Nisbet with a beautiful silver ink-stand on behalf of the staff.

In doing so, Mr. Wiltshire spoke of the happy relations that had existed between the Registrar and the staff during the time he had been there, saying that they not only knew Mr. Nisbet as the Registrar but also as a friend. He hoped that Mr. Nisbet would accept the gift in the spirit in which it was given and would be spared for many years to enjoy his well-earned retirement.

Mr. Nisbet returned thanks for the gift and wished the members of the staff luck and prosperity.

SHANGHAI STRIKE TO END.**FILATURE WORKERS GOING BACK.**

Shanghai, June 22.

As the outcome of a conference with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the filature workers have agreed to resume work to-morrow. —*Reuter.*

SHANGHAI MAN'S DEATH.**FELL OVERBOARD WHILE ON HOLIDAY TRIP.**

A telegram was received in Shanghai last Saturday to the effect that Mr. Michael R. Healy was missing from the N. Y. K. s.s. Nagasaki Maru while on a voyage to Japan. Mr. Healy, who was well-known in Shanghai, had embarked on the Nagasaki Maru on Thursday, his intention being to proceed to Unzen for a holiday, and it would appear that he must have fallen overboard while the ship was at sea. The state of his health supports this belief, as he was very short-sighted but latterly had been subject to severe attacks of giddiness, and it seems only too likely that the accident happened during one of these.

Mr. Healy was born in Ireland, but went to America at a very early age and it is believed became naturalized. This probably took place a considerable time afterwards, for it is said that on one occasion he was nominated as representative in Congress for the District of Alaska, but could not accept on account of his nationality. So popular was his nomination, that the opposing candidate was on the point of withdrawing when the facts of the case were made public. It was the great gold rush of 1898 which led Mr. Healy to Alaska, but like the majority of those who took part in it he did not emerge with any considerable portion of the wealth of that country. In 1900 Mr. Healy made his first visit to the Far East securing a position in the Philippines, but in 1907 he again returned to Alaska, being appointed U. S. Commissioner at Chitina, and this appointment he held until 1913, when he returned to the United States. From there he came to Shanghai, and for a time was connected with the firm Elster, Reeves and Murphy. Thereafter he was employed by the American Foreign Insurance Association, but owing to ill health had not taken a very active part in business recently.

SHROFF GENEROUSLY TREATED.**TRADE ASSOCIATION CASE SETTLED.**

Mr. C. A. S. Russ stated in the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Jackson, that the South China Trade Protection Association had dealt most honourably and generously with Chan Wah-hee, a shroff, who claimed the return of \$500 guarantee money deposited by him with the Association, and that the case had been very satisfactorily settled.

The case was mentioned last Friday when Mr. Russ, who was for Chan Wah-hee, asked for an early date to be fixed, saying that his client required his guarantee money to be returned as soon as possible. The case was then fixed for Wednesday next.

This morning, Mr. Russ said the Association had treated the plaintiff in a very honourable and generous manner. The reason why he (Mr. Russ) had asked for an early date at the previous hearing was because Chan was very anxious to go to Singapore and wished to take a passage as early as possible. "It has been very satisfactorily settled," he added.

NATIONALIST LEADERS IN SHANGHAI.**MARSHAL CHIANG AT THE DENTIST'S.**

Shanghai, June 22.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, his wife, Mr. T. V. Soong, Dr. C. T. Wang and Mr. Wong Pei-chuin, Minister of Communications, arrived here this morning from Nanking.

Chiang Kai-shek is apparently having considerable trouble with his teeth. He spent the morning at an American dentist's while Mr. T. V. Soong had a conference with Tang Shao-yi. —*Scouter.*

CHINESE DROWNED.**DIVED AFTER PAIR OF TROUSERS.**

A drowning fatality occurred on Wednesday last at Sheung Shui, in a stream near the Ho Tung garden. A Chinese, who was engaged in washing clothing on the bank of the stream, saw a pair of trousers being carried away. He dived into the water after them, but being unable to swim, was drowned. Attempts to locate his body have so far been unsuccessful. It is thought that the body must be lodged in a tunnel which runs under the main road and which supplies water to the paddy fields.

LEAVING AFTER 21 YEARS.**WELL-KNOWN RESIDENTS FOR HOME TO-MORROW.****MR. AND MRS. BRIDGER.**

Among those sailing to-morrow by the P. and O. liner Ranpura are Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bridger, who are going home on retirement. Mr. Bridger, who is relinquishing his post of Managing Director of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., first came to Hongkong over 21 years ago—in May, 1907—when he joined the firm as Manager of the Grocery Department. He continued to serve in that capacity until 1918, when he was made a partner in the firm; and in March, 1921, when the Company was formed into a limited liability company, he was appointed one of the Managing Directors, which position he has held continuously ever since. It is interesting to recall that at the time of Mr. Bridger's arrival in Hongkong, Mr. Duncan Clark, Mr. A. H. Skelton and Mr. W. C. Watford were the partners



of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, and that the first-named two are at present living at Home, Mr. Watford having since died.

Older residents will remember that Mr. Bridger was at one time Hon. Secretary of the Victoria Recreation Club and did much hard work in promoting boxing tournaments, acting as M.C. in the days when "Kid" Marriott and "Sky" Morrison were in the heyday of their boxing careers. He was also Hon. Secretary for a while of the old St. George's Club, which was the forerunner of the now defunct Phoenix Club.

During the war, when Mr. Bridger was retained in the Colony on essential food services, he served the Government in the capacity of a Revenue Officer, in addition to carrying out Volunteer Defence Corps duties.

During the general strikes of 1922 and 1925, Mr. Bridger assisted the Government by serving on the Emergency Food Committees that were formed, rendering valuable help by organizing and staffing food depots in connexion with his firm's facilities.

In Masonic circles, Mr. Bridger has acted as Treasurer of the Zetland Lodge, and his fellow craftsmen in that Lodge have just presented him with a handsome silver salver, suitably inscribed.

Mr. Bridger's departure from the firm is being marked by felicitous presentations, his fellow Directors presenting him with a very handsome inscribed cigar box, while the general staff is today making him the gift of a silver rose bowl.

ENTERED HOUSE FOR "NO REASON."**CHINESE SENT TO GAOL FOR SIX WEEKS.**

Taking advantage of his knowledge of a former employer's habits, a Chinese managed to enter the second floor of No. 408, Shanghai Street, Yaumati, where he concealed himself until after closing time. A surprise visit by his former employer, however, caught him unawares and on the alarm being raised, he was arrested by a Chinese detective.

On appearing before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, on a charge of being found in the house for an unlawful purpose, the defendant said that he went there "for no reason at all."

Sergeant Mottram said the defendant was previously in the employ of the complainant, who carried on business on the ground floor of No. 408, Shanghai Street, with his residence on the first floor and store room on the second. It was his custom to close the second floor at 6 p.m. each evening and to pay a final visit to the flat prior to retiring.

On Wednesday evening, the store room was closed as usual and it was at one o'clock on Thursday morning that he went upstairs to see that everything was in order. On opening the door, he saw the defendant on the top of a partition wall. The alarm was raised and a detective, arriving on the scene, arrested the defendant.

It was thought, continued Sergeant Mottram, that the defendant had concealed himself on the floor before the premises were locked up.

In reply to his Worship, Sergeant Mottram said there was very little for the defendant to steal on the second floor, but he might easily have gained access to the first floor.

The defendant was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

LAND INVESTMENT PURCHASES.**NO NEWS AS TO FUTURE INTENTIONS.**

No announcement is yet forthcoming regarding the future of the Hongkong Hotel site which was recently acquired by the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. About one and a half million dollars was paid for the site, which has been vacant since part of the Hotel was burned down on New Year's Day, 1926.

Approached by a Telegraph representative this morning, Mr. L. S. Greenhill, Secretary of the Company, said he had nothing to say regarding future development of the site; and he made the same reply when questioned regarding Powell's Building which was also bought recently by the Land Investment and Agency Co.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bridger will take with them the best wishes of a large circle of friends in their well-earned retirement. They have both been popular residents of the Colony, and their numerous friends will wish them many years of health and happiness in the Old Country.

NOTABLE LOCAL WILLS.**MR. JOHN MCCUBBIN'S REQUESTS.****PROBATE GRANTED.**

Mr. John McCubbin, formerly resident engineer, and later manager, of the Hongkong and China Gas Company Limited, who died at "Hillcrest," Hillmorton, near Rugby, on December 1 last year, left Hongkong estate to the value of \$24,000 and English estate worth £7,790 5s. 11d.

Resealing of probate has been granted to Mr. D. H. Blake, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, who is the attorney of Mrs. Louisa McCubbin, widow and sole executrix.

The will provides that on the death of Mrs. McCubbin the residue is to go to the daughter, Mrs. J. Stewart, and Mr. J. D. McCubbin, son.

Late Mr. Seymour Leslie.

Hongkong estate to the value of \$44,000 and estate in England assessed at £7,226 19s. 6d. was left by Mr. Seymour Leslie, formerly a Commissioner in the Chinese Maritime Customs, who died on September 27, last year at Forphy, Lisnakeen, County Fermanagh, Ireland.

Included in the will are bequests of £300 to Wang, Allen, of Shanghai, described as "his old friend," and a similar amount to his servant Patrick Healy. Bequests are also made to the rector of Auzhaven Church, County Fermanagh; and to the priest of Lisnakeen parish. Certain sums are also set aside for the upkeep of the Leslie family tombs and provision is made for the widow, nieces, relatives and friends.

Resealing of probate and a codicil has been granted to Mr. M. H. Turner, of Messrs. Deacons, who is the attorney of Mr. B. L. Winslow, Enniskillen, and Mr. W. V. Seddall, 6, Westmoreland Street, Dublin, who are the executors.

Mr. A. W. da Roza, exchange broker, has been granted letters of administration in respect of the Hongkong estate of Mrs. Z. M. da Roza, widow, 1 Saffee Terrace, Kowloon, who died on January 5, 1927.

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.**GOVERNOR SMITH HAS BIG FOLLOWING.**

Washington, June 16.

All of the 1,100 delegates to the Democratic National Convention, which opens at Houston, Texas, on June 26, have been selected with the exception of the Virginia delegation of 24.

Of the 1,100 votes, two-thirds or 733-1/3 are required to nominate. Governor Smith, of New York, claims 684 votes, but of these 94 are disputed. He is by far the leading candidate, but even so, he is still at least 45-2/3 votes short of enough to obtain the nomination.

Senator Reed, of Missouri, claims 129 votes, of which 97 are disputed.

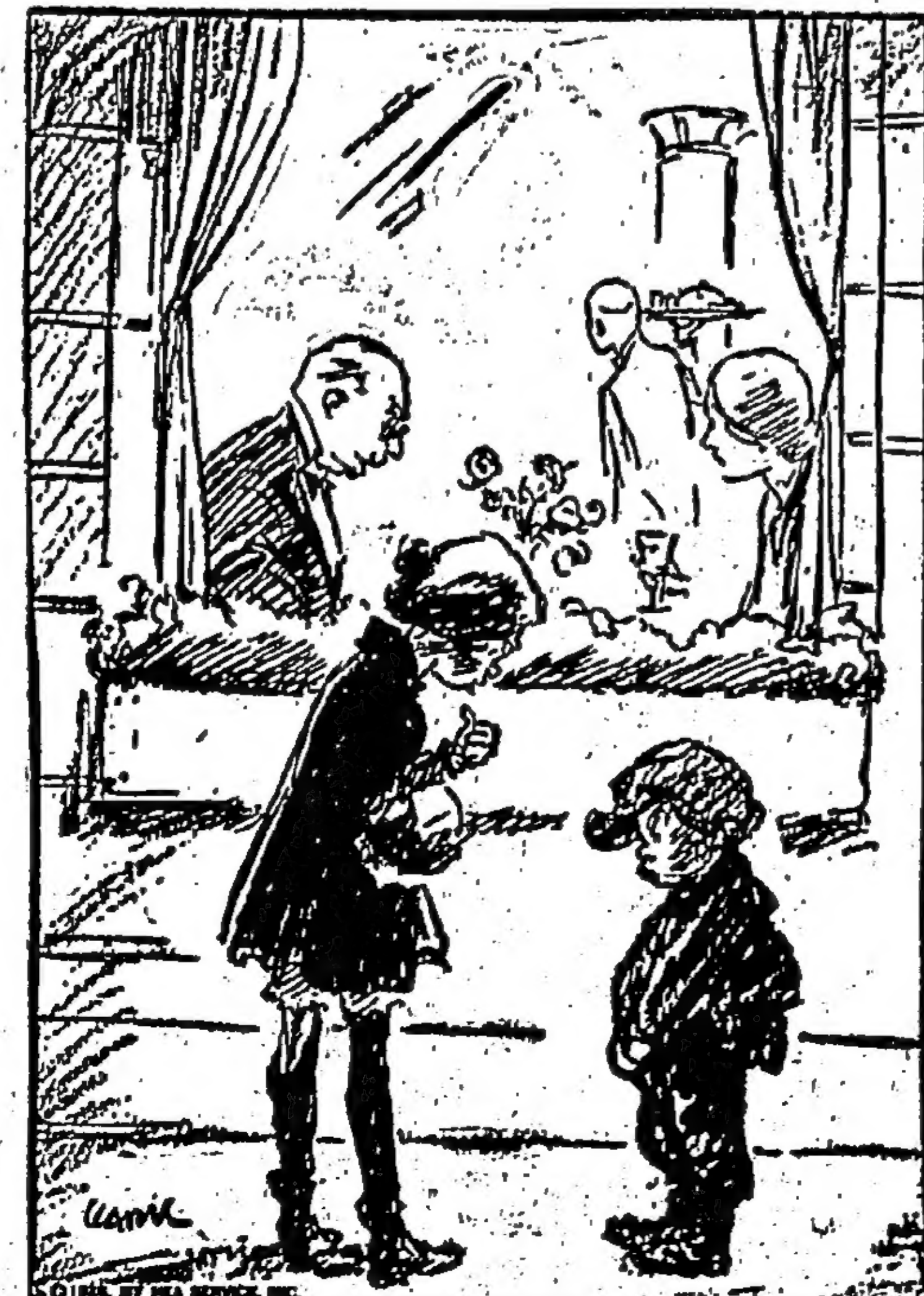
Other candidates for the presidential nomination, and the number of votes claimed by them follow:

Pomerene, Ohio, 47; George, Georgia, 28; Hull, Illinois, 24; Ayres, Kansas, 20; these are also claimed by Reed; Hitchcock, Nebraska, 16; Ritchie, Maryland, 16.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*. Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 12 of this issue.

- 1 What is the derivation of the word "pecuniary"?
- 2 What British moth can squeak?
- 3 Which of the Anglican bishops is still legally a married abbot?
- 4 Who were the Sobieski Stuarts?
- 5 What is "La Quina Brat"?
- 6 Name the insect with the longest pedigree.
- 7 What Greek general, the sole survivor of fifty hurried down precipice into a chasm, was saved by following a fox?
- 8 Which star is nearest to the earth, and how far off is it?
- 9 Name the author of "The Beggar's Opera" and the originator of Sir Roger de Coverley.
- 10 In what English church is there a stained glass window given by a queen in memory of a queen?
- 11 What is a telemograph?
- 12 Who wrote and described on a tombstone the following lines about a Newfoundland dog: "To mark a friend's remains these stones arise; I never knew but one—and here, he lies!"



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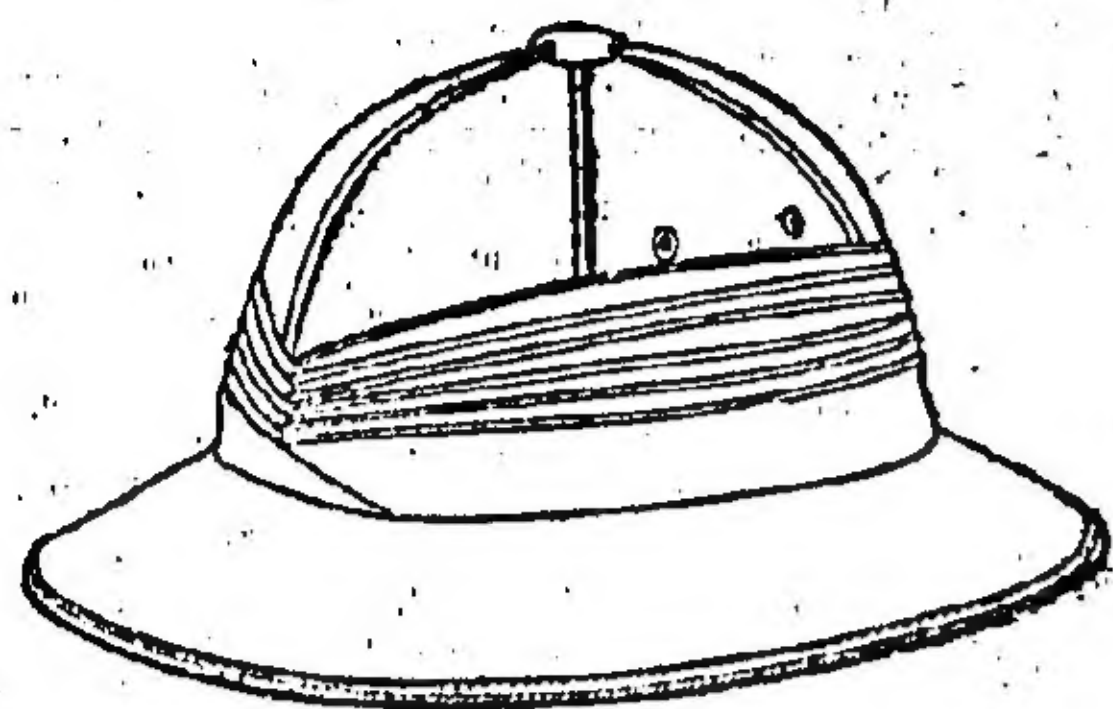
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LEAGUE TENNIS.

CLOSE MATCH ON UNIVERSITY GROUND.

The University met the M. B. K. at Pokfulam yesterday afternoon and in the absence of Dr. R. E. Tottenham were defeated by the visitors by the narrow margin of nine games. Y. B. Ng and Y. L. Pau were badly outclassed and only managed to secure three games throughout the afternoon.

On the Chinese R. C. ground the home team further enhanced their chances of retaining the shield in the First and Second Divisions by decisively beating the Kowloon Cricket Club teams.

First Division.

Chinese R. C. v Kowloon C. C.
The full scores of the match between the Chinese and the K. C. C. are:

M. K. and M. W. Lo (Chinese R.C.) beat S. E. and D. S. Green 6-5; beat E. F. Fincher and W. M. Gittins 7-4; beat E. C. Fincher and F. Wheeler 9-2.

Ng Sze-kwong and C. Chon beat Green and Green 10-1; beat Fincher and Gittins 6-5; lost to Fincher and Wheeler 4-7.

Ho Kiu-lau and Kwok Po-kan beat Green and Green 11-0; lost to Fincher and Gittins 6-6; beat Fincher and Wheeler 7-4.

Total: Chinese 65. Kowloon 34.

University v M. B. K.

The scores were:
P. A. Redmond and A. A. Rumjahn (University) beat T. Honda and H. Yoshida 6-3; beat Kikuchi and T. Yamada 10-1; beat T. Akiyama and N. Inagaki 7-4.

Lim and Tan lost to Honda and Yoshida 2-9; beat Kikuchi and Yamada 7-4; beat Akiyama and Inagaki 8-3.

Y. B. Ng and Y. L. Pau, lost to Honda and Yoshida 0-11; lost to Kikuchi and Yamada 1-10; lost to Akiyama and Inagaki 2-8.

Total: University 45. M. B. K. 54.

Second Division.

Chinese R. C. v Kowloon.

The full scores were:
Lo Man-hin and Lo Man-ho beat W. Brown and J. N. Owen 9-2; beat J. S. Smith and J. F. Grosse 9-2; beat Rev. Murray and A. J. Kew 10-1.

Tu Tak-cheuk and Lau Man-ching beat Brown and Owen 10-1; beat Smith and Grosse 7-4; beat Murray and Kew 7-4.

Ng Sze-cheung and Lau Fook-ki beat Brown and Owen 9-2; beat Smith and Grosse 9-2; beat Murray and Kew 10-1.

Total: Chinese 80. Kowloon 19.

SALE OF PONIES.

BRIGHT PROSPECT AND
TAIZAN PRICES.

Messrs. Hughes and Hough auctioned off a number of ponies at the Jockey Club Stables, Causeway Bay, yesterday evening, when Bright Prospect fetched the highest price of the auction, being sold to Mr. K. Chun for \$400. Bidding for this pony started at \$10 only but rapidly rose until the selling price was reached. There was also reached the \$400 mark but was bought in at that figure. A black cob mare was sold to Mr. Schubert for \$300.

Prices varied considerably the lowest figures being \$5 for Bashin, roan, while several received no offers at all. Details of the sale, together with the names of the buyers and the prices follow.

Aristophanes, grey, Mr. W. T. Stanton, \$25. May, grey, Mr. R. H. Charles, \$100. Fook Shau, roan, winner Sun Chun Plate, Mr. F. Sutton, \$70. Seventh Heaven (late O. K. Foo), Woo Kee \$10. Plover, black, Woo Kee \$10. Sugar Louf, grey, Hongkong sub., 1927, Woo Kee \$5. Tap Slac, dun, Mr. F. Sutton, \$20. Six Fuddled, grey, winner Oporto Handicap "C" Class, not sold. Halo, chestnut, not sold. Diana, (late May Hall, bay, Hongkong griffin, 1928, Mr. Ip, \$20. Gold Mine (late Miss Miah), roan, Mr. W. T. Stanton, \$10. Little Darling, grey, Mr. R. H. Charles, \$55. Valour, chestnut, Woo Kee, \$5. Chermerin, grey, not sold. Fir Dee, dun, not sold. Bright Prospect, (late Limestone Hall), grey, Mr. K. Chun, \$400. Perpetual Motion, arrived recently from Shanghai, Mr. Rock, \$170. Black Cob mare, Mr. Schubert, \$300. Bashin, roan, Woo Kee, \$5. Tarzan, bought in at \$400. Wing Sen, grey, Hongkong Sub. 1928, Cheung Wing-chu, \$20. Northern Stag, bought in at \$50. Seafrost, Mr. de Rosa, \$25.

Other ponies put up for auction which were withdrawn before the sale commenced were Zircon II, grey, Wild Fellow, grey, winner Lit Chun Plate, Spring Day, grey, Kiangwan Sub. 1928, Silver Ming (late Cherry Brandy), grey, Copper Mine (late Green Island), grey, Ching Ho, grey, winner Chau Fern Plate, and Kwong Chow, bay.

LOCAL BASEBALL.

FILIPINO LINE-UP FOR SUNDAY.

The following is the Filipino line-up in Sunday's game, against the South China Dragons—Kusano, c.f.; T. Leonard, 1-b.; Hachima, C.; Zafra, P.; Murata, s.a.; J. Alvarez, 2-b.; D. Leonard, A. Alvarez, 1-f.; Curroem, 8-b.; Rull-Fernandez, r.f. The pitcher, Zafra, has been laid up, in bed for a couple of days, but should be fit to pitch on Sunday.

LATE CHANG TSO-LIN & SONS.



Top picture shows the late Marshal Chang Tso-lin, the Manchurian War Lord, whose death is reported from Mukden, with his sixth and seventh sons. Below are all his eight sons, on the extreme right being his eldest, General Chang Hsueh-liang, who now succeeds his late father as Commander-in-Chief of the Fengtien Armies.

CHINESE ANTI-PIRACY SCHEMES.

SHANGHAI SHIPOWNERS' DECISIONS.

With reports of the recent pirate attack on a British steamer still fresh in mind, representatives of Chinese shipping companies in Shanghai recently met in conference and considered anti-piracy measures for the largest of the Chinese passenger steamers operating along the coast principally with southern ports.

The conference decided on the formation of a corps of well-trained guards for each vessel, and also decided that the largest ships should be fitted with wireless, according to the Ta. Chung news agency.

Decisions reached at the conference were:

That eight armed guards be recruited for every steamer plying between Shanghai and southern ports and that these new recruits should be adequately trained by the navy; that pending the completion of their training the Naval Headquarters should be requested to detail from eight to ten marines for every ship as special guards.

That wireless apparatus should be equipped on board the steamers Hsinchi, Wanhsiang, Hsin. Ning-hsin, Yungshang and Hwa-an.

That the rate of these steamers should be raised in order to meet the extraordinary expenses incurred by the employment of special guards and wireless equipment.

That no passenger should be admitted on board without dependable guarantors.

An interesting announcement was made yesterday by Mr. Li Yau-tsun, chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, to the effect that as a result of an appeal launched by the Chamber, a sum of \$2,000 has been raised and forwarded to the authorities for the purpose of compensating the widows and families of the gallant Chinese members of the Police force, who lost their lives in December last in an affray with armed robbers. It will be recalled that the clash between the robbers and police resulted in two Chinese officers succumbing to their wounds, and three others, sergeant McMahon, an Indian and another Chinese, being seriously wounded.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week end June 22nd, 1907.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 2½d.

Mrs. Cawjee, one of the pioneers of female education amongst the Parsees, and one of the earliest Parsees to visit Europe, was in Hongkong for a few days.

Dr. Wu Ting-fang requested the Emperor of China to release him from the post of Director of the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, on account of advancing years.

Mr. O. E. Owen took over the management of the Kowloon Hotel.

The Customs Commissioner at Canton circularised the Canton and West River steamship companies against the practice of permitting opium-smoking aboard their ships.

President Roosevelt recommended Congress to release China from the Boxer Indemnity, except in respect of \$11,000,000 which he said was the actual American expenditure.

The Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., recommended a dividend of 2½ cents.

DEPRESSING WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest to the east of the Bonins. A shallow depression covers South China.

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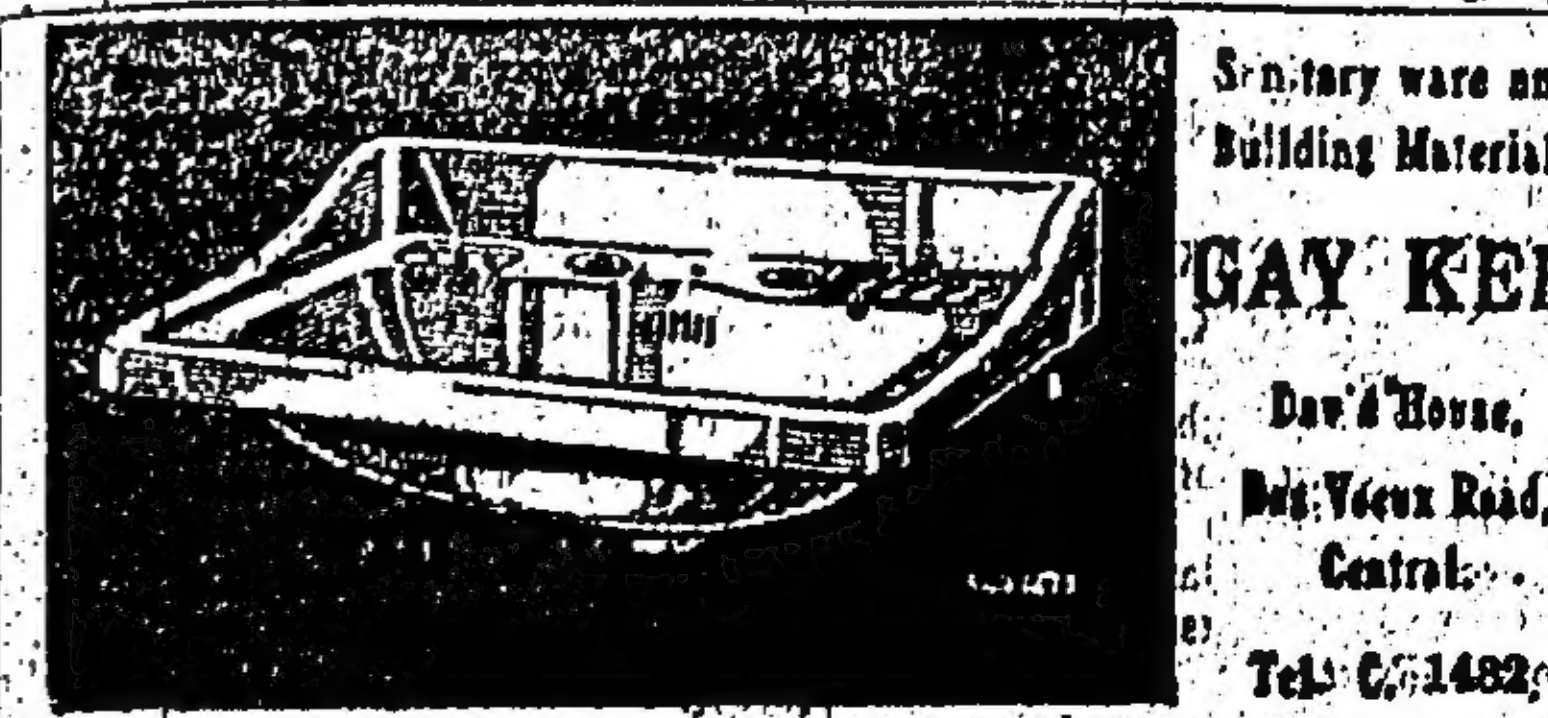
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THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 335. Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Lieut. Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant.

Hongkong, June 22.
1. The Infantry Company in future will be known as The Machine Gun Company.

2. Arms.

All rifles and bayonets will be handed into Store immediately for the annual inspection.

3. Corps Band.

Band Practices will be held this month on Friday, 22nd and Friday, 29th June, at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters for all trained Bandmen. Probationers will parade on Tuesday and Thursday at the same time and place for instruction.

4. The Battery.

Lecture on Theory. This will be given at Corps Headquarters on Thursday at 6.00 p.m. This is a voluntary parade.

5. Engineer Company.

In future the technical training of all ranks of the Engineer Company will be confined to Defence Electric Light Training.

Field Company training will be discontinued from this date. There will be a meeting of all ranks at Volunteer Headquarters on Monday, 25th June, at 5.45 p.m. All ranks are particularly requested to attend.

6. Mounted Infantry Company.

Parade at Stables for mounted M. G. instruction at 5.45 p.m. on Tuesday, 26th June, 1928. Plain Clothes. Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 22nd June, for M. G. instruction. Plain Clothes. Field Day. There will be a field day on Sunday, 24th June, 1928. Parade at the Dragon Garage at 9 a.m. Dress: Uniform (without tunics). Rifles will not be carried.

7. Motor Cycle Section.

Friday, 22nd June. A meeting will be held in the Lecture Room at 5.45 p.m. to discuss the display to be given at the forthcoming Military Tattoo. Every member is very specially requested to attend.

Monday, 25th June. All ranks parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for practice parade in connexion with the above Tattoo.

8. Machine Gun Company.

The following parades will be held this month at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters, dress for Recruits: muffs; belt and sidearms; for N.C.O.'s muffs only.

Recruits—Fridays, 22nd and 29th June—Squad Drill with arms. N.C.O.'s—Fridays, 22nd and 29th June—Vickers Machine Gun. All who wish to qualify for promotion are invited to attend these N.C.O.'s classes.

9. Scottish Company.

Vickers Gun Class of instruction will be held at Corps Headquarters at 6 p.m. on Monday, 25th June, and it is hoped the class will be well supported. Arms. All ranks of the Company are reminded that rifles must be handed into Headquarters Store forthwith.

10. Portuguese Company.

Friday, 22nd June. Members of Rifle Club belonging to No. 9 Platoon parade at Kennedy Road Range at 5.30 p.m. All recruits and members of Rifle Club belonging to No. 10 Platoon parade at Miniature Range at 5.30 p.m.

Sunday, 24th June. The Peak Range is allotted to the Portuguese Company Rifle Club. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend. Firing commences at 9 a.m.

Monday, 25th June. N.C.O.'s and Nos. 1 and 2 Lewis Gun Sections parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Lewis Gun instruction.

11. Strength.

The following Recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under: No. 1341 Bandman M. Franco, Corps Band, as from 14.6.28. No. 1342 Gunner R. D. Bendmont, The Battery, as from 15.6.28. No. 1343 Pte. V.M.L. Stanton, No. 1 Platoon, as from 18.6.28.

12. Transfer.

No. 1050 Pte. W. C. Ogley from No. 10 Platoon to No. 9 Platoon, as from 20.6.28.

13. Leave.

2/Lieut. N. L. H. Radlton is granted 2 months' leave in the Colony.

14. Struck Off the Strength.

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LE TOUQUET MURDER MYSTERY.

Lille, May 28.

Bethune police have informed the police here that a man whose description corresponded with that of the man suspected of having been the murderer of Mrs. Wilson was noticed by the police at Bruay on Artois, during Saturday night and that he left the place on Sunday morning. All trace of him was lost on the road between Lille Bethune and La Bassée, but it is thought he went in the direction of Lille.

According to a Reuter message from Paris, the Journal states that the police have had to abandon one clue after another. A police official told the newspaper that it was almost impossible to pick up the trail of the murderer.

ATHLETES COLLAPSE.

Doctors and ambulance men were kept busy for two hours recently reviving soldiers after their strenuous race from Stamford Bridge to Putney and back. The event was for teams in full uniform, and each man had to carry a Service rifle.

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Toheran, June 21.

The Dutch representative has signed a provisional treaty with Persia replacing the capitulatory regime recently abolished.—Reuter.



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SEQUEL TO CENSORSHIP CASE.

It is understood that following the judgment delivered on Wednesday by Col. F. Eaves against the *Shun Pao*, that organ stopped publishing yesterday. The fines imposed by his Worship have not been paid and at the expiration of 24 hours, the period allowed by the Magistrate to the publisher and printer to raise the necessary bail, the bail had not been lodged with the authorities, neither did the defendants in the case give themselves up.

It is learned that the defendants were not able to meet the fines, neither were they able to afford an appeal. Under the circumstances, there will probably be no appeal from the sentences and the solicitors for the defence, when approached, stated that they had no further instructions. Gossip in vernacular newspaper circles is that the paper is owned by certain Canton officials.

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ARBITRATION.

INVITATION TO AMERICAN REPUBLICS.

Washington, June 21. Mr. Kellogg has invited all the Latin-American Republics to participate in the conference for conciliation and arbitration to be held here on December 10. Mr. Kellogg and Mr. Hughes will represent the United States. The conference is the outcome of a resolution passed by the Pan-American Conference at Havana last February.—*Reuter's American Service.*

TIENTSIN RAID.

SOVIET CONSULATE IS SEARCHED.

Tientsin, June 21. The Soviet consulate was raided last night by Chinese police. A cordon was formed round the grounds and traffic in the vicinity stopped. Several police armed with revolvers made a search. It is thought the raid was a sequel to the uncertainty of the position of the Soviet since the change in administration in North China.—*Reuter.*

Tokyo, June 21. Long distance telephonic communication between Dairen and Seoul via Mukden has been successfully inaugurated.—*Reuter.*

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 27th June 1928 will be subject to rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 4th July 1928 or they will not be recognized.

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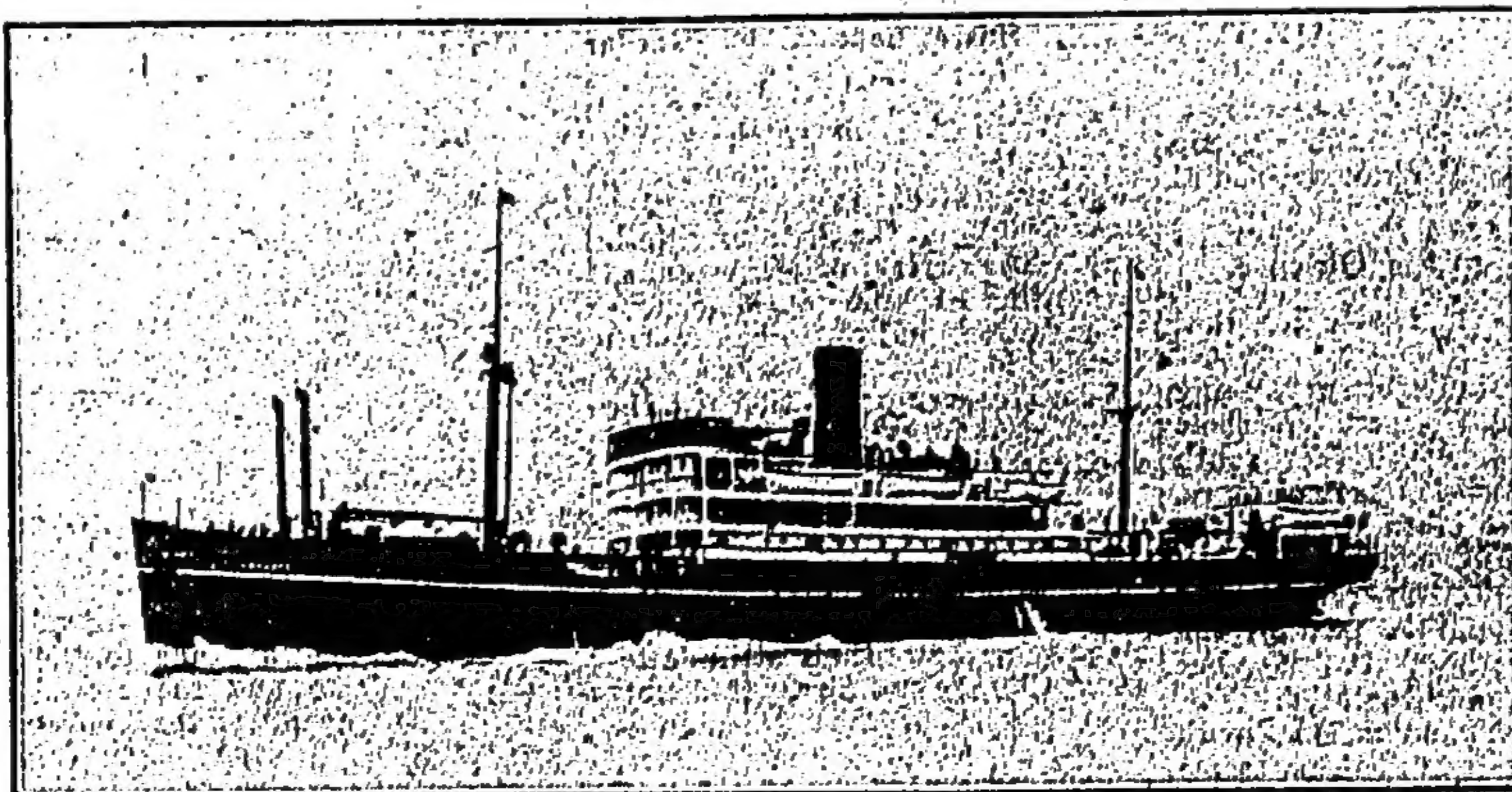
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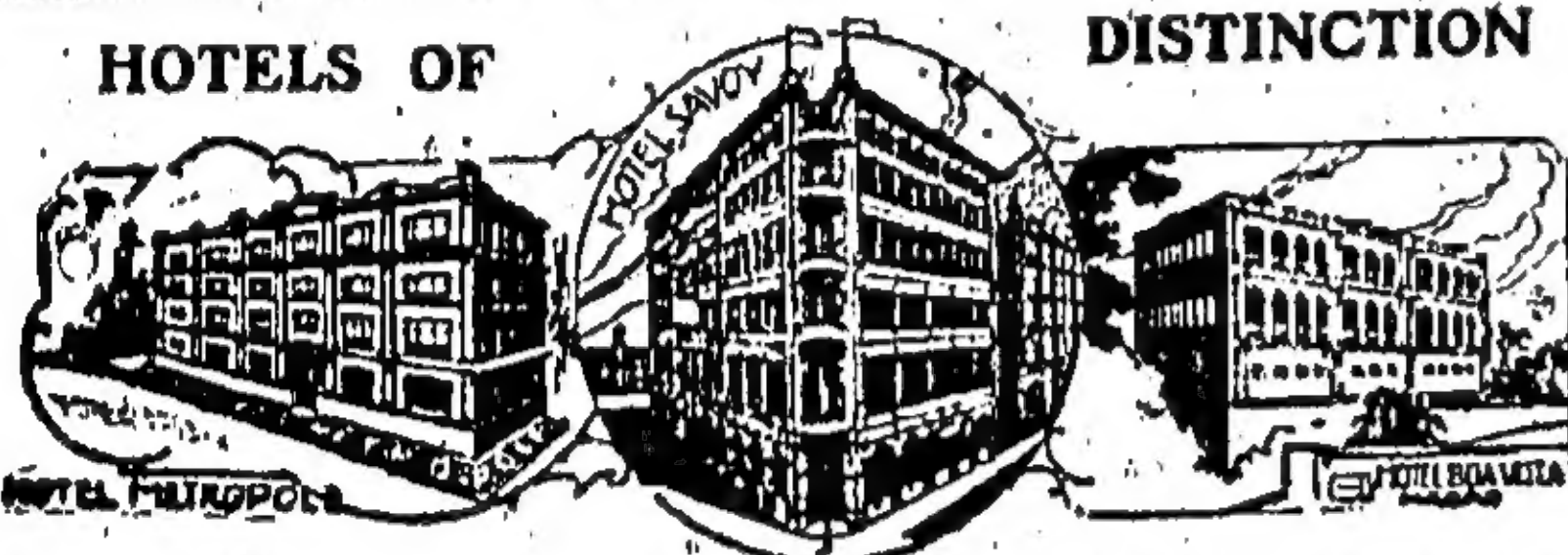
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RAID ON TIENTSIN
CONSULATE.UNAVAILING SOVIET
PROTESTS.NANKING SHY OF NATIONAL
CONFERENCE.

COUNTRY NOT READY.

Tientsin, June 22.
It transpires that the raid on the Soviet Consulate by Chinese police on Wednesday night, when a cordon was placed around and all traffic stopped, was ordered by General Fu Tsi-yi, the Garrison Commander of Tientsin on "reliable information from an important source" that the Consulate harboured 100 Chinese Communists, and that rifles, bombs, machine-guns, etc., were on the premises.

Except for the usual Consulate armory, no arms were found, but a number of documents have been seized.

The acting Consul, M. Grigoreliff, protested without avail.—*Reuter.*

China's Representative in London.

London, June 21.

In the course of a statement to the House of Commons regarding the China situation, Sir Austen Chamberlain announced that he had been informed by the Chinese Charge d'Affaires in London, that he will continue to represent China on behalf of the Nationalist Government.—*Reuter.*

National Conference.

Shanghai, June 21.

A number of noted Kuomintang officials met at the residence of Mr. Chang Ching-ling, in Nanking on Tuesday night in connection with the proposed national conference to settle outstanding problems confronting the Nanking Government.

At this unofficial meeting the general opinion was that since reactionary elements are so active the calling of a national conference at the present time will only result in further chaos and that neither the country nor the Kuomintang will benefit by such a conference.

Finally it was decided that more propaganda is necessary so as to give the country a clearer understanding of present day politics. When this has been done the Kuomintang will take the lead and call a National conference. The matter will again be discussed at the Fifth Plenary Session.

Hankow and Peking.

Shanghai June 21.

More Hunan and Hupeh troops of the Fourth Army Corps commanded by General Pei Chung-hsi, have arrived in Peking and it is estimated that the number of Hankow troops in or near Peking is 40,000. General Pei Chung-hsi has wired to Li Chung-yen asking for a large consignment of provisions.

Marshal Yen Hsi-shan and General Pei Chung-hsi appear to be working harmoniously in Peking, confirmatory of the suggestion that an alliance is in the air.

Statement in Commons.

London, June 21.

Recent military and political developments in China were the subject of a statement by Sir Austen Chamberlain, in reply to a question in the House of Commons to-day.

Peking, he said, was taken over by the Shansi troops on June 8th, without incident and General Yen's Chief of Staff gave the foreign representatives the fullest assurances as to the maintenance of law and order.

The position at Peking remained uncertain as large numbers of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's troops were quartered immediately to the South of the city while on June 17th General Pei Chung-hsi, a member of the Kwangsi group now controlling Hankow arrived at the Capital.

Feng's Intentions Obscure.

Latest reports indicate that Marshal Feng's troops are removing from the suburbs of Peking and taking up a position some thirty miles or so further south but his intentions remain obscure.

Tientsin was taken over by the Shansi general on June 12th. Some looting occurred in the Chinese city on the part of the outgoing Northern troops, but order was speedily restored.

Railway communication with Peking was interrupted for some days, but has now been re-opened. Dr. C. T. Wang assumed office as Minister for Foreign Affairs at Nanking on June 14th. Early in June, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek resigned his post of Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Chairman of the Military Council but

ACTION OF POLICE
RESENTED.STONE-THROWING EPIDEMIC
AT SHAMSHUPO.

SERIOUS VIEW TAKEN.

An epidemic of stone throwing at police officers has broken out at Shamshupo recently, the incidents occurring in the vicinity of a theatrical, matchless erected in Laichikok Road a short distance from Shanghai Street.

Inspector Hoare of the Shamshupo Police Station and Inspector Dick of the Mongkok Station have both been the victims but in neither instance were the culprits caught.

Two Indian constables on duty in Laichikok Road on Monday evening were subjected to a similar outrage after ordering a loiterer to move on. They became indignant at the command and after arguing with the two officers threw a stone at them. He was promptly arrested and brought before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

In evidence the constables said that when they were passing the theatre, they saw the defendant standing in the roadway. He was told to move on but he became indignant and asked why he was ordered off. One of the constables then searched him but found nothing.

Defendant then picked up three stones, one of which he threw at the constables. He was immediately arrested with the other stones still in his hands.

The defendant denied the charge and accused the constables of having struck him.

His Worship found the case proved and registered a conviction. Sergeant Britain, who prosecuted, asked his Worship to take a serious view of the case. He said that the constables had orders to "move on" people loitering about the theatre. Sometime previously crowds of unruly Chinese had stoned the officials of the show, and when the Police intervened, they themselves were stoned.

On the night prior to the incident before the Court, Inspector Hoare, officer in charge of the Shamshupo Police Station, was struck several times by stones when passing the theatre. Inspector Dick, of Mongkok, was also hit when visiting the district. In neither instance were the culprits arrested.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$100 with the alternative of two months' hard labour in default.

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T.U.C. TEA GARDEN
STRICTURES.SUBSTANTIATION OF
REPORT DEMANDED.WARM REJOINDER BY TEA
ASSOCIATION.

DELEGATES' DEFENCE.

London, June 21.

Warm correspondence has passed between the Secretary of the Trades Union Congress and the Secretary of the Indian Tea Association regarding the statement in the T. U. C. Report of Messrs. Purcell and Hallsworth that the tea plantations at Assam are "virtually a slave plantation" where "a human trinity of husband, wife and child" cannot bring in more than 1/3 per day.

The report also stated that the Indian workers were "half-starved, badly clothed and horribly hounded."

Did Not Visit Europeans.

The Secretary of the India Tea Association wrote to the Trades Union recently declaring that he understands the delegation did not visit the tea gardens at Assam, owned or managed by Europeans and that presumably their strictures are directed against Indian-controlled estates. Even so, he added, the Association does not believe there is a vestige of truth in the report, and asked what steps it was proposed to take to correct the errors.

Mr. Citrine, the Secretary of the T. U. C. has now replied denying that the delegates extract certain figures from the report of the Government of Assam, or that they stated them incorrectly.

How Figures Were Obtained.

Mr. Citrine says the figures quoted by the delegates were taken from the supplement of the Indian Trade Journal of November, 1927, showing the average monthly wages, calculated by dividing the total earnings of two typical months (September and March) by the total number of coolies on the books of the companies.

The figures made due allowance

for rations, bonus and so on. He also declares that he finds from the report of the Government of Assam, which the Tea Association's secretary enclosed in his letter, considerable confirmation of the suggestion that physical force is employed to maintain discipline among the workers in the tea gardens.

"What They Saw."

"It appears," he adds "that our delegates recorded what they saw and nothing else."

The Secretary of the Tea Association has replied to Mr. Citrine, in a letter dated June 19th, in which he complains that the T.U.C. has dealt with only two minor points arising out of the Tea Association's condemnation of the report, and had ignored the generally misleading and incorrect nature of the report.

He also stated that if Messrs. Hallsworth and Purcell could substantiate their vague references by specific instances, the Association would know how to deal with them.—*Reuter.*

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